

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first and second paragraphs at page 17 with the following amended paragraphs:

It is preferable that the acid decomposable resin has a repeating unit having an alkali-soluble group protected by a 2-alkyl-2-adamantyl group such as repeating units formed by the foregoing Monomers 1 to 4 and 32.

It is preferable that the acid decomposable resin has a repeating unit having an alkali-soluble group protected by a 1-adamantyl-1-alkylalkyl group such as repeating units formed by the foregoing Monomers 5 to 8.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Here, examples of R_0 include a tertiary alkyl group (such as a t-butyl group and a t-amyl group), a 1-alkoxyethyl group (such as an isoboronyl group, a 1-ethoxyethyl group, a 1-butoxyethyl group, a 1-isobutoxyethyl group, and a 1-cyclohexyloxyethyl hexyloxyethyl group), an alkoxymethyl group (such as a 1-methoxymethyl group and a 1-ethoxymethyl group), a 3-oxoalkyl groups, a tetrahydropyranyl group, a tetrahydrofuranyl group, a trialkylsilyl ester group, a 3-oxocyclohexyl ester group, a 2-methyl-2-adamantyl group, and a mevalonic lactone residue.

X_1 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, -NH-, -NHSO₂-, or -NHSO₂NH-.